

Church News

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elected to the chair of Bible in Peace Institute at Raleigh.

The Rev. A. A. McGeachy, D. D., declined to serve longer as chairman of Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, and the Rev. D. H. Ralston, D. D., was elected in his place.

The committee to install Rev. J. H. Dixon at Pegrum Street church, reported the work performed April 22nd at 8 o'clock P. M.

Candidate Z. V. Roberson was received from Orange Presbytery.

Candidates J. T. Pharr, Z. V. Roberson, W. C. Jamison and Locke White were examined and licensed to preach the gospel, according to the Book of Church Order.

Licentiate W. C. Jamison was dismissed to Norfolk Presbytery, Va., Locke White to Ebenezer Presbytery, Ky., and J. T. Pharr to the Presbytery of Western Texas.

A call was presented from the Rockingham church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Z. V. Roberson and accepted.

Presbytery is to hold an adjourned meeting in the Rockingham church, June 13th, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which time Mr. Roberson will be ordained and installed there.

John E. Wool,
Stated Clerk.

Topsail: Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor. Rev. William Black, Synod's evangelist, began a series of revival services Sunday, May the 6th, and continued through Sunday, May the 13th. Dr. Black had with him Mr. Andrew Burr, a sweet singer and splendid organist, who led in the song services. Miss Irene Jones, of Wilmington, played the organ. Mr. Crowley began the meeting some day before Dr. Black came, and the communion of the Lord's Supper was observed the first Sunday. The community was ripe for the meeting. Thirty-seven people joined the Presbyterian church on profession of their faith in Christ and five expressed a desire to join other churches. The greater portion of them received the sacrament of baptism. Eighty-five promised to read the Bible and pray every day. Eleven promised to conduct family worship in their homes every day. This was one of the best meetings the writer has ever had the privilege of being in. Dr. Black certainly deserves great credit. No high pressure methods, but sound preaching and common sense. May God bless Dr. Black and Mr. Burr.

Davidson College: Shortened by a day or more and limited in extent of program by circumstances that war conditions have brought about, the commencement closing Tuesday evening was one of the smallest in point of attendance the college has known in many a long year. In this there was, however, no surprise, rather every one felt that it was all as should be. But there was a pleasant surprise in the fact that the compressed program and the limitations imposed upon the exercises and functions of the commencement did not prevent the season from proving one of the pleasantest possible for all who took part in it. Almost ideal weather, fine sermons on baccalaureate Sunday by Rev. Dr. Neal L. Anderson before the graduating class, and by Rev. Dr. Walter L. Lingle before the Y. M. C. A., unusual excellence in the orations of the junior and senior representatives speaking on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, respectively, interesting reunions of the literary societies Saturday evening, a fine concert by the musical organizations Monday afternoon, followed by an

engaging program that featured senior class day exercises, reunions of several of the classes, the largest of these being that of '97, the alumni luncheon and interesting meeting following on Tuesday evening, and several rather informal social functions, notably the reception given by Mrs. Martin to the visiting mothers and other lady guests, were all elements that conspired to make the season no mean affair.

J. L. Fowle, of Washington, speaking on the negro, won the medal in junior oratorical contest. W. H. Neal carried off a similar honor in the senior contest. The William Banks Bible medal was won by the valedictorian of the class, H. A. Campbell, of Aberdeen.

The exercises of graduation day were featured by the optimistic tone of President Martin and Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of the Board of Trustees, in their review of a highly successful year just closing and the pronouncements of bright prospects for the coming year, notwithstanding the war and the dark clouds that overshadow the country.

Not more than half of the graduating class was present to receive the forty-three diplomas in A. B. and B. S. degrees, not to speak of others winning the A. M. degree with a fifth year of study.

The training camps, other military organizations and farm work in food production explain the absence of the men. That the men in Camp Oglethorpe may receive their diplomas in due form, Dr. Martin will visit them in a few days and confer the degrees in person.

The year shows a number of valued gifts in books to the library, the establishment of another \$1,000 ministerial scholarship from Salisbury, the establishment through Mr. R. M. Miller, of Charlotte, of a \$300 fund, the interest of which will purchase each year a medal to be awarded to that member of the freshman class that attains the highest scholarship average. The winner this year was D. M. Chalmers, of Charlotte.

Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, president of Columbia Seminary, was elected to succeed Rev. Dr. Neal L. Anderson as a member of the Executive Committee.

G. H. Cartledge, Ph. D., University of Chicago, recently of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, was elected associate professor of chemistry and physics. George W. Mackey, A. B., A. M. of the college (Springfield Training School), was elected director of the gymnasium. It will be recalled that the \$25,000 building is now in process of erection.

The Board of Trustees confirmed the change in the course of studies already voted by the faculty, by which Greek is no longer compulsory for candidates for the A. B. degree. The officers of the preceding year in the Alumni Association were re-elected: R. M. Miller, Charlotte, president; W. C. Bailey, Greenwood, vice-president; Dr. John W. McConnell, secretary and treasurer. Alumni trustees re-elected: W. J. Roddey, Rock Hill, and Benjamin R. Lacy, Raleigh.

The degree of doctor of science was conferred on Professor W. A. Withers, class of '83, vice-president of the Agricultural and Engineering College, Raleigh, and William Gilmer Perry, associate in English in the Georgia School of Technology, Davidson men that for some time since have been recognized as distinguished in their special spheres of work.

There was rather a full meeting of the Board of Trustees, especially considering the fact that the time was quite limited that had been assigned for their sessions in a curtailed pro-

gram for commencement. The absence of the usual address before the two literary societies in the crowding together of so much was not missed, and the use of Shearer Hall auditorium instead of the auditorium in Chambers' building served to give to every one the feeling that the exercises were being carried through in a highly interesting way and before audiences that were genuinely appreciative of what was being "staged" for their pleasure and profit.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Enoree Presbytery: At an adjourned meeting at Woodruff, S. C., on May 19, 1917, Licentiate Frank P. Anderson was ordained to the full work of the ministry, and on the following day he was installed pastor of Woodruff and Central Point churches. He begins his work under favorable conditions.

Presbytery of Pee Dee will meet in adjourned session in Mullins, S. C., Saturday, June 9th, at 3 P. M. The special object of the meeting is to ordain Licentiate J. S. Garner and arrange for his installation as pastor of the churches of Mullins and Ford, if he accepts the calls to these churches.

A. H. McArn.

Greenville, Second Church: The church year that closed April 1st was one of the most successful in the history of this church. Its material property is worth \$45,000, and on the last Sunday in May the congregation, by a rising vote, expressed its appreciation of the work of the Building Committee and the Board of Deacons in liquidating all the indebtedness on the house of worship and the manse, and sung the long metre doxology. For years the church and Sunday-school have regularly contributed to all the benevolent causes of the Assembly. The Sunday-school gave \$933 last year to all objects. Two young men from the membership of the church have studied for the ministry. It has three hundred and eighty-nine members, nine ruling elders and eleven deacons, and the session received thirty-nine new members during the year. There are four hundred and forty-seven officers, teachers and scholars in the Sunday-school. A class in the catechisms is graduated every year. The church has a new pipe organ and has recently completed the basement for additional Sunday-school work and social purposes. The Second church stands for the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, as interpreted by the confession of faith and the catechisms of the Church, for Presbyterian doctrine, government, methods, sacraments and worship, and has developed in membership, organization, responsiveness to appeals, conscious strength for service, Christian liberality, the Christian spirit and standing in the Presbytery and Synod. It has a Ladies' Working Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, Intermediate, Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies and Sunbeams. The church has passed the experimental stage in its life and is in a position to devise more liberal things for others in the future.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina: The commencement exercises began Sunday, May 27th, with two most excellent and appropriate sermons preached before immense congregations, the baccalaureate sermon in the morning being delivered by Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D. D., and the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. that evening by Rev. A. D. P. Gilmore, D. D.

The literary address was delivered Wednesday morning by Congressman W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, S. C.

This address was unusually strong and interesting and was listened to attentively by every one in the crowded house. All the public exercises were largely attended.

Dr. Horatio Hughes was elected professor of chemistry and physics. Dr. Hughes took his Ph. D. from Chicago University in 1913, and since that time has been assistant professor of chemistry in the Georgia School of Technology and the University of Georgia. He comes highly recommended, both as a scholar and a most successful teacher. Mr. A. R. Register was elected assistant in chemistry and physics. Mr. Register graduated from the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1913, and has been teaching with great success since that time. Rev. Henry Pressly, pastor of the A. R. P. church of this town, was elected professor of Spanish. Mr. Pressly was reared in Mexico, his father being a missionary to that country. He graduated from Erskine College, and is unusually well qualified to fill this position.

When the United States declared war against Germany there threatened to be a stampede among the students, but they had no definite idea as to what they expected to do. The faculty took the position that while the government could have every professor and every member of the student body whenever their services were needed, they refused to excuse students from their work until the government made a more definite call, feeling that the college could render a greater service to the government by training the young men than by allowing them to become disorganized. One father wrote that he was educating his sons at considerable sacrifice and did not care to have their education interfered with, unless it was necessary, and an official circular letter stated that the government needed our trained and not our untrained services, consequently while a number of students have gone into active service and a few stood their final examinations some weeks ahead in order to go home to work on the farm, a large proportion of the students remained through commencement exercises.

The college has closed a most successful year and the prospects are encouraging for a fine opening this fall. Most of the old students have signed up for next year, and a large number of new students is expected.

TENNESSEE.

Franklin: The commencement sermon for the Battle Ground Academy was preached Sunday morning, May 27th, at the Presbyterian church in this city by Rev. E. D. McDougall, D. D., of Lewisburg, Tenn. The text was 2 Peter 1:5-7, an eloquent appeal to the young people to cultivate all the Christian virtues. A very large congregation heard the sermon. The first Sunday in June was the fifth anniversary of Rev. W. A. Cleveland's pastorate of the Presbyterian church here. At the morning service a brief resume of the work of the church within the five years was given, followed by a sermon to the children.

TEXAS.

Texas Presbyterian College: The

TENT WANTED.

To borrow, rent or buy a tent that will hold about 200 people. To be used July 8 and August 13 in evangelistic campaigns in the mountains of Letcher and Perry counties, Ky. Five Davidson College boys will work with us during the summer for bare expenses. Evangelists will do the same. Will somebody help us with a tent?

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